

April 5, 2002

Secretary Magalie Roman Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Suite TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism (CC Docket No. 02-6)

Dear Secretary:

On behalf of the Queens Borough Public Library, I would like to express our comments on the above matter, as it pertains to the needs of the 17 million people who visit our public libraries in Queens, New York each year.

The Queens Borough Public Library has three major areas of concerns and comments on the process as we have experienced it:

- There should be an increase to the funding cap;
- All measures should be taken to enable the receipt of commitment decisions within 180 days of filing the Form 471 applications; and
- Telecommunication services should remain a high priority funding item.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the Queens Borough Public Library's views on issues affecting the E-rate program which has provided valuable resources to our library users and the community we serve.

Sincerely,

Thomas Alford, Deputy Director Customer Services

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